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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. U.S. AND GOM INITIED FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING AT CO4CLUSION OF BILATERAL TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS
MARCH 7-9 IN WASHINGTON.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA MET IN WASHINGTON FROM MARCH 7 THROUGH
MARCH 9, 1977 AND REACHED AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANCE CONCERNING
CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT OF MAY 12,
1975, AS AMENDED, (THE "AGREEMENT"), BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS. THE FOLLOWING NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS REFLECT
THE ABOVE MENTIONED AGREEMENTS IN SUBSTANCE. REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL MEET SHORTLY TO AGREE UPON THE FORM AND FINAL TEXT OF SUCH CHANGES IN THE AGREEMENT.

1. FOR THE SECOND AGREEMENT YEAR, BEGINNING MAY 1, 1976:

- (A) CATEGORIES 42 AND 43 ARE MERGED
- (B) CATEGORIES 116 AND 117 ARE MERGED AND
- (C) THE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION LEVELS SHALL APPLY TO THE SPECIFIED CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	CONSULTATION LEVEL (SYE)
42/43	1,700,000
116/117	200,000
201	5,600,000
240	6,720,580

2. FOR THE THIRD AGREEMENT YEAR, BEGINNING MAY 1, 1977:

- (A) CATEGORY 223 SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO A SPECIFIC CEILING BUT SHALL INSTEAD BE SUBJECT TO A CONSULTATION LEVEL AND

- (B) THE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION LEVELS SHALL APPLY TO THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	CONSULTATION LEVEL (SYE)
223	7,000,000
240	11,500,000
243	5,000,000

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3. US AND GOM WERE UNABLE TO AGREE CONCERNING GOM REQUESTS ON CATEGORIES 237 AND 228 (CONSULTATION LEVELS) AND, 225 AND 238 (SPECIFIC LIMITS) FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR. LIMITS FOR THESE CATEGORIES WILL THEREFORE REMAIN AT CURRENT LEVELS.

4. A NUMBER OF ITEMS CONCERNING THE THIRD AGREEMENT YEAR ALSO WERE NOT SETTLED, AND WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING A LATER MEETING. THESE INCLUDE LEVELS FOR FABRIC KATEGORIES 9/10, 22/23, 26/27 AND POSSIBLE CHANGE OF THESE CATEGORIES TO CONSULTATION LEVELS; INCREASES IN CONSULTATION LEVELS FOR CATEGORIES 42, 43, 46, 49, 50/51, 122, 228 AND 237; INCREASES IN SPECIFIC LIMITS FOR CATEGORIES 225 AND 238; GOM REQUEST TO REMOVE CATEGORIES 201 AND 202 FROM AGREEMENT AND GOM REQUEST TO ADD A NUMBER OF PRODUCTS TO EXEMPT HANDICRAFT LIST.(GOM TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF PROPOSED

ADDITIONAL ITEMS.) GOM NOTED THAT BULK OF IMPORTS RECORDED BY U.S. IN CATEGORY 116 HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY GOM AS EXEMPT HANDICRAFTS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN MUTUALLY-AGREED LIST OF EXEMPT ITEMS.

5. DELEGATIONS ALSO REVIEWED US AND GOM STATISTICS TO DETERMINE IF ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS EXISTED, BUT FOUND THEM TO BE GENERALLY IN ACCORD. MEXICAN DELEGATION ALSO RAISED TECHNICAL QUESTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT COVERAGE OF SUIT CASES WITH CLOTH LININGS, WHICH WILL BE PURSUED FURTHER AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

6. DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD RESUME IN MEXICO, POSSIBLY DURING EARLY MAY IF SCHEDULING PERMITS.

7. COMMENT: CONSULTATIONS WERE CORDIAL, WITH BOTH SIDES MAKING ATTEMPTS TO REACH MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ISSUES RAISED. TIME DID NOT PERMIT RESOLUTION OF ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH GOM DURING NEXT ROUND IN MEXICO. END COMMENT.

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